IN.gov



# Group II Migration to the New IN.gov

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- Quick Recap of Goals & Objectives
- Progress!
- IN.gov Standards & Change Request Process
- Agency Migration Process
- Keys to Success for Your Agency's Migration
- Next Steps

than just putting new paint on an old barn. We're building something that will make it easier for everyone to interact with our state government-whether they are Hoosiers, visitors to Indiana, or businesses looking to relocate here.

**Governor Mitch Daniels** 

## Quick Recap

#### **THE DIAGNOSIS**

#### User Perspective

- Agency-focused, not customerfocused
- Confusing due to lack of consistency
- Designs are stale

#### State Gov't Perspective

- Can't quickly update content
- Standards unclear, unenforceable



#### **Want More Information?**

Review the IN.gov Branding & CMS Project web site (with Charter, FAQs, and more) available at webmasters.IN.gov.

#### **THE PRESCRIPTION**

- Goal 1. For the External customer, provide state government information in a customer-centric manner.
- Goal 2. For the Internal customer, make it easier for users in state government to update content on IN.gov.

#### Major Objectives

- Consistent brand
- "Click & Edit" for authorized content creators
- Workflow tailored for each agency
- Training for creators/approvers
- Stable & secure CMS

### We Are Changing Because of This



Safeguarding Hoosier

Planning, Preparing, and Respo

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About Us Newsdesk

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Director of IN.gov Chris W. Cotterill

### And, We Are Making Progress!



## Coming Really Soon!



### Best Practices Integrated

#### Customer-centric

- Plain language
- Deliver useful/relevant content to target audience(s)
- Timely/dynamic content; stale eliminated

#### No Wrong Door

- Subject matter navigation, ChaCha search, information for...
- "Can't get stuck in an agency web site again"

#### More Is More

- Billboards for major initiatives
- Weekly featured content
- Leverages larger screen sizes

### State & Agency Identities Balanced

#### Consistency

- Common look & feel throughout
- Location of search, navigation, online services

#### Feedback Mechanisms

- Rate this Page
- IN.gov User Survey

#### Built Right & Built to Change

- Quickly update content; minimized "boxes" to build in
- Workflow tailored for each agency
- Separation of content and design:
  - Ease of delivery on mobile and alternative devices
  - Accessible for people with disabilities
  - Changes far easier "next time"

### The Schedule

### All Agencies Surveyed

- 1. Agency willingness
- 2. Agency assessment of web site structure
- 3. IN.gov assessment of complexity of migration

### Your Agencies Ranked HIGH

– High willingness (you're team players!)

### BUT, We Wanted to Be Ready for You

 We have several, and will have a lot more by the time we're ready for you, agencies in the CMS and have learned a lot.

### It's Great to Be in Group II

#### Migration Approach Improved

 We've refined our approach to emphasize what worked, fill in a few gaps, and cut out the fluff.

### CMS Training Keeps Getting Better

 We've taken the feedback from the initial agencies and are making significant improvements to training.

#### More Resources

- We've added more staff to be able to move even faster on migrations.
- You Get to Learn from Group I Sites
- You Get to Be in Before Group III & IV!

## Groups I & II

#### GROUP I (5/1-8/1)

- Governor & First Lady
- Lieutenant Governor
- Administration & MBEC
- Agriculture & Grain Buyers & Warehouse Licensing
- Arts Commission
- Education Employment Relations
- Faith-Based & Community Initiatives
- Family & Social Srvs. Admin. & HIP
- Homeland Security
- Management & Budget
- Police
- Technology & myLocal
- Teachers' Retirement Fund
- Transportation
- Utility Consumer Counselor
- Workforce Development

#### GROUP II (8/1/07-1/1/08)

- Board of Tax Review
- Child Services
- Economic Development
- Env. Mgmt., Recycle & Wetlands
- Finance Authority
- Health & INShape
- Labor
- Law Enforcement Academy
- Library & Historical Bureau
- Motor Vehicles
- Natural Resources & Commission
- Public Records
- Protection & Advocacy Services
- Revenue
- Stadium
- Tobacco Prevention & Cessation

### Groups III & IV (Tentative)

#### **GROUP III (1/1 – 4/1)**

- Animal Health
- Bio Town USA
- Board of Accounts
- Budget Agency
- Correction
- Criminal Justice Institute
- Gaming
- Horse Racing
- Inspector General/Ethics
- Integrated Public Safety
- Insurance
- Licensing
- Local Government Finance
- Personnel
- Public Access Counselor
- Public Employees
  Retirement Fund
- Veterans Affairs
- War Memorials

#### **GROUP IV (4/1-6/30)**

- Alcohol Tobacco & Excise Police
- Civil Rights
- Community & Rural Affairs
- Counter Terrorism & Security
- Energy
- Environmental Adjudication
- Financial Institutions
- Governor's Planning Council for People with Disabilities
- Health & Education Facility Financing
- Housing & Community Development
- Hispanic/Latino Affairs
- Ports Commission
- Proprietary Education
- Rural Development

- Student Assistance
- Utility Regulatory
- Women, Commission for
- Workers Compensation Boar
- Geographic Information
- Hoosier Lottery
- Museum
- State Fair & The Barn
- Tourism
- White River
- Indiana Lakes, Wetlands, Safety-Net, BRC
- Adjutant General/National Guard/State Armory Board

#### **Other Potential Migrations**

- General Assembly
- Judiciary
  - Prosecuting Attorney's Council
  - Public Defenders Council
- Separately Elected Officials
  - Bond Bank, Depositories, Education Savings Authority
- Lobby Registration Commission
- Schools for Blind & Deaf





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Indiana

Environment

Business & Employment Education & Training **State Header** 

Tourism & Transportation

Find an Agency Find a Person HELP



Apply for Services

Disabilities and Rehabilitation

Family Resources

Maternal and Child Health

Nental Health and Addiction

Indiana State Department of Health

Transformations

#### <u>Agency</u> **Navigation**

Care Select

**Eligibility Modernization** 

Low Income Health Care Affordability

Deficit Reduction Act

Letter to State Medicald

**Agency Content Area** [Left]

#### **Agency Header**



#### **Agency Billboard**



Do I Qualify for Services?

Job training, Public Assistance and Food Stamps, Aging Services, Disabilities Services and much more.

Read More >>

**Agency Content Area** 

Jan 03 - Care Management Program Initiated

Jan 03 - Data Clarification

Feb 87 - FSSA Employees' Actions Send Clear Message

Feb 87 - Governor's Healthier Indiana Plan Gets Unanimous Committee Support

More News and Events >>

### **Online Services**

Agency Content Areament

[Right]

**State Footer** 

### State Header & Footer

## Standard on All WebPages

- Search defaults to search Your Agency
- Common header and footer are key aspects of the commonality across the agency web sites
- Of the areas, these are the only ones that agencies cannot change



## Also StandardThroughout

- Font and font size
- Link underlining

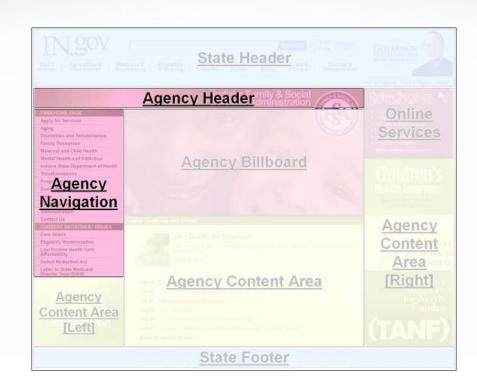
### Agency Header & Navigation

#### Agency Header

- Prominent location of agency name and logo
- Agency name, logo, and color scheme ensures that users know they are on your agency's web site, while the common location of search, navigation, services, etc., ensures users have consistent user experience

#### Agency Navigation

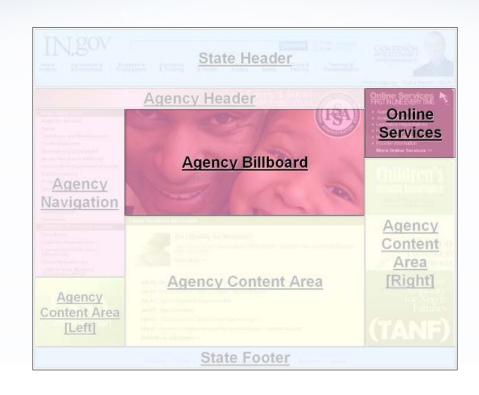
- Link to agency home page is always first
- Links are statements (not questions) and not more than 2 lines



### Agency Billboards & Services

### Agency Billboards

- Perfect way to market your major initiatives or direct users to most popular services
- Fixed width and height of Billboards ensures consistency across agency web sites
- These are on major "landing" pages (like your home page), not all pages

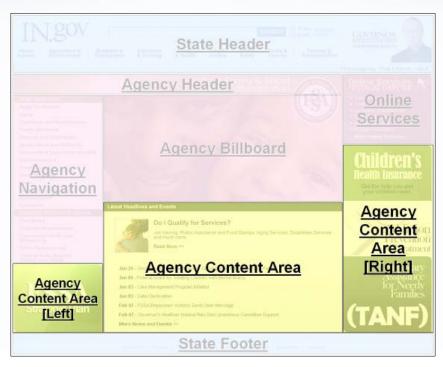


#### Online Services

 Always located top right to ensure easiest access to services

## Agency Content Areas

- Content Area(Center)
  - Standard area of text, bulleted lists, etc.
  - Only on home pages and other major landing pages have Billboards
- Right & Left Content Areas
  - Agency FAQs/I Want Tos
  - Agency goals
  - Agency "widgets"
  - And more...



- FAQs & I Want Tos in Content Area [Right]
  - Easy to prepare
  - Answer the same question the same way every time, without human intervention

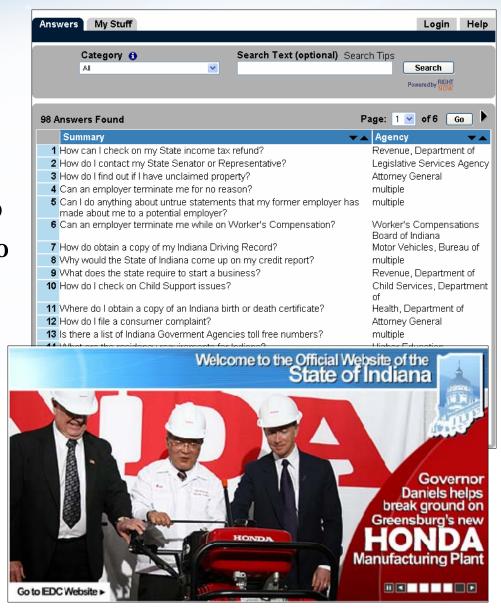
### More on FAQs & Billboards...

#### FAQs

- Single repository for all state government FAQs
- Truly frequently asked questions driven to the top
- Takes citizen self-service to the next level

#### Billboards

- Highlight initiatives, successes, and services
- Most dynamic, eyecatching part of new site
- Only on home pages and other major landing pages have Billboards



### Want to Change the Standards?

#### Nothin's Perfect

The effort to standardize across IN.gov is a difficult balance between the state and agency identity, but our multi-agency redesign team struck a good balance with which to start.

#### Change Request Process

- Submit change requests via webmasters.IN.gov
- Change requests include:
  - Agency-specific issues, such as workflow changes
  - Enterprise issues, such as proposed changes to IN.gov Standards (all effort will be to make *enterprise* changes)
  - Submit ideas for the IN.gov "Top Level" pages
    - IN.gov Feature idea
    - IN.gov Billboard idea

### Who Does What?

### IN.gov Role/Responsibilities

- Standard migration approach to ensure minimum requirements met, but tailored to each agency
- IN.gov Migration Lead (IML) is your single point of contact for all migration issues
- IN.gov staff migrate existing content into CMS for agency review in test

### Agency Role/Responsibilities

- Engages in and approves all migration planning
- Tests and approves web site in "test" environment prior to launch of new agency web site

### Agency Migration Process

### Step One: Planning

- Agency e-mails <u>moconnor@iot.in.gov</u> to identify its Agency Migration Lead (AML)
- IN.gov assigns IN.gov Migration Lead (IML) to agency
- AML assembles and meets with Agency Migration Team (AMT) in advance of meeting with IML to discuss Agency Homework (more on this later)
- 1st Meeting with IML & AMT
  - IML and AMT address Agency Homework, questions, and concerns
  - Narrow issues for follow up
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting with IML & AMT
  - Close open issues from first meeting
  - Finalize and sign off on Migration Plan

Target: Not More than 2 Weeks Between Each Mtg. with IML

### Agency Migration Process

#### Step Two: Migration

- IN.gov Content Migration staff migrate your agency's web site in a "test" environment (Target: 2 weeks)
- IML makes migrated web site available to AMT in "test"
- Testing (Target: 2 weeks)
  - AMT identifies remaining necessary changes before launch
  - Final "draft" is tested by IN.gov staff and AMT
- Agency approves site for scheduled launch

Target: Not More than 4 Weeks to Migrate Content & Test

### Step Three: Launch & Training

- New web site is launched
- Agency content creators and approvers are trained on new CMS

### What Happens to Our Old Site?

### When Your Agency Approves the Migration Plan

- Changes to web site are frozen (except for news releases and calendar events)
- Agency production and test web sites are backed up onto CDs/DVDs for agency and IN.gov
- Existing agency web site on test.ai.org is changed to "/agency\_old/" (so that we keep the CMS content separate from the old site)
- Once agency approves launch
  - "/agency\_old/" is eliminated from test
  - Agency production web site is replaced with new site

#### This Ensures that Old Content Is Archived

## More on Training...

### First Training Session

- Users given access
- Users learn how to edit an existing page, create a new page, and more

### Ongoing Training Sessions

Can return for refresher training as needed

### Other Training Materials

- A complete "How-To" manual customized for IN.gov
- Flash videos

### Keys to a Successful Migration

#### AMT – Keep It as Small as Possible

It is hard to make changes by committee, especially a large one.

#### Move Fast

- Remember that moving to the new design is going to be a significant improvement and you should not delay launch because the web site isn't "perfect."
- Web sites are constantly being improved, that's why we purchased a content management system.
- Don't lose steam after Thanksgiving!

#### The Places to Improve:

- Home Page
- Navigation

## More on the Home Page...

## There Is Tremendous Value in a Thorough Review of Your Agency's Home Page

- The "front door" to your agency
- The place where most, especially new visitors, will come to find out what you have to offer

#### Include These on the Home Page:

- Your agency's primary messages/marketing campaigns/programs
- Online services or other information that make it easier for your customers to interact with your agency

#### Where Do You Start?

- What's the mission/purpose of your agency?
- Who are your "target audience(s)" and what are they looking for?
- Review your agency's hit data on WebTrends

#### Use This Information to Design Your Billboard

If you do not already have designers, we will do this

## More on Navigation...

### Make Your Navigation User-Friendly

Review many of the Group I agency web sites so you can see the new navigational styles in action. *E.g.*,

• <a href="http://www.in.gov/gov">http://www.in.gov/gov</a>

• <a href="http://www.in.gov/jot/firstlady">http://www.in.gov/jot/firstlady</a>

- Group related items under a link header (with "clickable" drop down)
- No More than about 12 items (without a link header).
  - An example of a "link header" like the "information For" or "Most Visited" headings in the left navigation on the IN.gov homepage.

## Keys to a Successful Web Site

#### After Launch:

- <u>Use User Feedback.</u> We will provide you with the detail from the "Suggest a Link" and "Rate This Page" functionality that will be on every page of your agency's web site.
- Review Web Trends data to determine high (and low) traffic areas
- Review and improve your content.

#### Want More Help With Your Agency's Site?

- We can help you begin working a qualified vendor within two weeks to help you:
  - Target content to your target audiences
  - Measure the effectiveness of your web site
  - Tie other marketing efforts directly to your web site efforts

#### Why Do All This After Launch?

- Because it takes far longer, and we cannot afford to lose the big bang benefit from the migration
  - Progress is made in steps, not all at once

## Beyond this Project

- Content Migrations Are within the Scope of this Project, Some Things Aren't
  - Online services will <u>not</u> be affected by this project. We will link to those services just as we do now.
  - "Special considerations:" areas of your agency's site that cannot be immediately migrated due to *technical* considerations. These will be scheduled later.
  - Tell your IT partners to "chill out." (We're telling them too.)
- When Resources Permit, We Will Begin Working with Agencies on:
  - Intranets
  - Advanced "portal" functionality
  - Standardization of design of online services

### Your Homework

#### To Do:

- Assemble and meet with your Agency Migration Team (AMT)
- Have your AML contact Mehgan O'Connor (moconnor@iot.in.gov)
- ☐ Identify areas of the web site that should not be migrated
- ☐ Think about what color scheme for your agency (avoid blue)
- ☐ Identify what information and/or services are most important to your customers
- ☐ Plan for what you'd like on the new your agency's home page
- ☐ Identify content owners for each major section of the web site and identify initial set of agency content creators
- ☐ Start Drafting:
  - ☐ "I Want Tos" (we have a template)
  - ☐ FAQs for FAQ "widget" (we have a template)